

## Fiscal Highlights

### **Phragmites Control on the Great Salt Lake** - Ivan D. Djambov

The Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands is continuing to work on phragmites control on sovereign lands in Utah. In FY 2015, they spent \$300,000 on the Great Salt Lake and their efforts included treating (aerial spraying) over 2,500 acres. This was the first of their three-year treatment plan that includes:

- Year 1 - aerial spraying;
- Year 2 - trample or burn; and
- Year 3 - re-spraying.

The benefits of the treatment include:

- reducing the risk of accidents by opening airboat channels;
- opening access points along the shoreline;
- increasing native vegetation;
- reducing fire risk; and
- restoring wildlife habitat.

The division staff maintains a webpage with current data on the phragmites project for the Great Salt Lake, Bear Lake, Utah Lake, and the Bear River: <http://arcg.is/1HioDet>.